

**RESPONSE**

Claims 12-17 are pending. Claims 1-11 and 18-43 have been cancelled. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 12-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as assertedly failing to point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended such Claims 12-17 recite method steps; thus, it is clear that the invention is directed toward a method. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of Claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn to place the Application in better condition for appeal.

**Conclusion**


Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in better condition for appeal.

Applicant has included a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith, which is accompanied by a check for \$250. In the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-2180 of Storm LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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